

Sermon Outline for August 16, 2020

Our Good Shepherd

Psalm 23

1. God's Provision vs. 1-3

a. Relationship vs. 1

b. Restoration vs. 2-3a

c. Guidance vs. 3

2. God's Protection vs. 4-6

a. Presence vs. 4

b. Power vs. 4

c. Providence vs. 5-6

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Examine Jesus' teaching on himself as the good shepherd (John 10:14-30) and see the points at which he fulfills all of Psalm 23 and at which he even exceeds it.

2. Define "the valley of the shadow of death." Why should the valley bring no fear to God's people?

3. Agree/disagree: American Christians have an inadequate theology of suffering?

4. How does Psalm 23 vs.1 relate to Matthew 6:25, 33? Do I demonstrate total trust in the Lord to provide all my material and spiritual needs?

5. The "rod" and "staff" are symbols of God's rule, authority, and guidance. How do they spiritual rod and staff of the Lord bring us comfort?

6. How have you experienced the guiding hand of God in your life?

7. What are the primary enemies of contentment in your life? Are there certain situations or pressures that regularly attack your sense of peace and well-being under the care of Christ?